

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows, without prejudice.

In the Claims (Clean Copy):

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8. (Amended) Use of a fish feed as claimed in claim 5 in the feeding of Atlantic salmon, rainbow trout, tropical fish or any other fish species where the color of the flesh is important, to effect a change in the flesh color.

Please add the following new claims:

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10. (New) Use of a fish feed as claimed in claim 6 in the feeding of Atlantic salmon, rainbow trout, tropical fish or any other fish species where the color of the flesh is important, to effect a change in the flesh color.

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11. (New) Use of a fish feed as claimed in claim 7 in the feeding of Atlantic salmon, rainbow trout, tropical fish or any other fish species where the color of the flesh is important, to effect a change in the flesh color.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are currently pending. By means of this preliminary amendment, claim 8 has been amended to eliminate a multiple dependency and address some minor formalities. Claims 10 and 11 have been added. The changes are shown in the marked-up copy of the claims that follow this amendment.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presented in this preliminary amendment are patentable over the art cited during international examination. The prior art does not show the features recited in the claims.

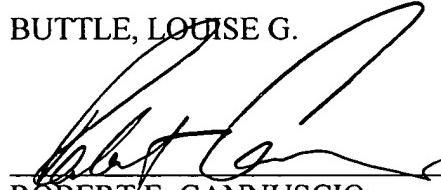
Applicants request early examination of the application on the merits.

If the Examiner believes that direct communication with the Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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